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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 0767

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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: SUPPORTING COUNTRIES

REF: A) GENEVA 691; B) GENEVA 711; C) GENEVA 725

1. WE BELIEVE THAT THANKS ARE DUE TO THE COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW FOR THE SUPPORT WHICH THEIR DELEGATIONS HAVE US ON THE PRG ISSUE IN THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. WE SUGGEST TTHAT THE DEPARTMENT AND, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, THE ADDRESSEE POSTS CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL. GIVEN THE CLOSENESS OF THE FOUR VOTES THAT TOOK PLACE,THE HELP RECEIVED FROM EACH OF THESE DELEGATIONS MUST BE COSIDERED CRUCIAL. AN UNFAVORABLE SWITCH BY ANY ONE OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS. A SEPARATE TELEGRAM FOLLOW ON CASES WHERE WE FEEL MORE SPECIAL THANKS ARE IN ORDER.

(1) AUSTRIA: FOR CONSISTENT SUPPORT IN THE VOTES AND AMBASSADOR KUSSBACH'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN OUR WORKING GROUP OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS.

(2) BELGIUM: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.
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(E) BOLIVIA: FOR THE SAME
(4) BRAZIL: FOR THE SAME
(5) CANADA: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT AND DAVID MILLER'S EFFECTIVE ADVISE IN OUR WORKING GROUP OF FREINDLY DELEGATIONS.
(6) CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT MAINTAINED AGAINST PRESSURES OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY.

(7) CHAD: FOR THE SAME, BROKEN ONLY BY AN ABSTENTION ON THE LAST VOTE.

(8) CHILE: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(9) COSTA RICA: FOR THE SAME.

(10) CYPRUS: FOR THE SAME.

(11) DENMARK: ABSTAINING ON THE FIRST, SECOND AND FOURTH VOTES, DENMARK VOTED WITH US ON THE THIRD. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THEY HELD THE LINE TO THIS EXTENT. THEY WERE ALSO VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN ICELAND'S DECISION TO BE ABSENT RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST US.

(12) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(13) EL SALVADOR: DELEGATE GABRIEL PONS COURAGELOUSLY CHANGED HIS VOTE AFTER ABSTAINING IN ERROR ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

(14) FRG: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT AND AMBASSADOR BALKEN'S SPLENDID ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AFTERNOON PLENARY FEBRUARY 5. HE RULED IN FAVOR OF ARTICLE 32 ON OUR POINT OF ORDER AND WAS UPHOLD IN THE FOURTH VOTE.

(15) GREECE: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT AND DELEGATE ANTOINE EXARCHO'S WILLINGNESS TO LEAVE ANOTHER MEETING HURRIEDLY TO BE PRESENT FOR THE FOURTH VOTE.

(16) GUATEMALA: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(17) HONDURAS: FOR THE SAME

(18) ICELAND: FOR STAYING AWAY INSTEAD OF VOTING AGAINST US, UNDOUBTEDLY A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THEM.

(19) IRELAND: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(20) ISRAEL: FOR THE SAME

(21) ITALY: FOR THE SAME.

(22) IVORY COAST: ABSTAINING ON THE FIRST AND SECOND VOTES, IVORY COAST VOTED FOR US ON THE LAST TWO.

(23) JAPAN: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVE HELP IN THE WORKING GROUP OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS.

(24) JORDAN: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED FROM AN ARAB STATE.

(25) LIECHTENSTEIN: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(26) LUXEMBOURG: FOR SAME.

(27) MALAYSIA: FOR THE SAME, FROM AN IMPORTANT GVN SUPPORTER IN ASIA.

(28) NETHERLANDS: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(29) NEW ZEALAND: FOR THE SAME.

(30) NORWAY: FOR ABSTAINING RATHER THAN VOTING AGAINST US, A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THEM AND ONE THAT WAS CRUCIAL TO THE RESULT. (FYI: IT RESULTED PRIMARILY, WE BELIEVE, FROM AMB. HAMBRO'S PERSONAL STRENGTH IN RESISTING PRESSURES FROM OSLO. END FYI.)

(31) OMAN: FOR VOTING WITH US ON THE FIRST THREE

VOTES. (NOTE: OMAN WALKED OUT OF THE PLENARY DURING THE FOURTH VOTE, PROBABLY DELIBERATELY TO MEND FENCES WITH OUR ADVERSARIES.)

(32) PARAGUAY: FOR SENDING AMB. CODAS FROM BONN. HE HAVE A MOST HELPFUL STATEMENT DURING PLENARY DEBATE. WE RECOMMEND A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM EMBASSY ASUNCION.

(33) PHILIPPINES: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPOR AND FOR THE STEADFAST PERFORMANCE OF AMBASSADOR BRIL- LANTES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CRUCIAL MORNING SESSION FEBRUARY 5.

(34) PORTUGAL: ABSTAINING ON ALL FOUR VOTES, PORTUGAL DID AS WELL FOR US AS COULD BE EXPECOED, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL. DURING LOBBYING EFFORTS, WE ISISTED TO PORTUGUESE THAT THEIR VOTE COULD BE KEY AND THEY WERE PLEASED TO TAKE CREDIT FOR FAVORABLE OUTCOME.

(35) SAUDI ARABIA: THE SOLID SUPPORT FROM THIS INFLUENTIAL ARAB STATE WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING. DELEGATE MARAMOUN KURDI HAVE US HELPFUL ADVICE.

(36) SPAIN: FORN CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(37) SWITZERLAND: FOR VOTING IN OUR FAVOR ON THE TWO FINAL VOTES (THE CHALLENGE VOTES) AFTER ABSTAINING ON THE FIRST TWO VOTES. SWITZERLAND THUSHELPED SUS- TAIN THE CHAIR'S RULINGS IN BOTH CASES, NOT ONLY THE RULING OF PRESIDENT GRABER BUT ALSO THAT OF AMBASSADOR BALKEN.

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(38) THAILAND: FOR THE SAME, AND FOR AMBASSADOR WATANAKUN'S HELP IN THE WORKING GROUP OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS.

(39) TURKEY: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPROT.

(40) UK: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT, AND FOR JOHN FREELAND'S HELP IN MANY WAYS BOTH IN THE WORKING GROUP OF FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS AND DURING PLE- NARY SESSIONS.

(41) UPPER VOLTA: AFTER ABSTAINING ON THE FIRST TWO VOTES, UPPER VOLTA WAS WITH US ON THE LAST TWO. THIS WAS HELPFUL SUPPORT FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP.

(42) URUGUAY: FOR CONSISTENT VOTING SUPPORT.

(43) VATICAN: ABSTAINING ON THE OTHER THREE VOTES, THE VATICAN CAST A LOUD AND CLEAR "NO" AGAINST THE CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENT GRABER'S RULING. THIS SWITCH ELECTRIFIED THE CHAMBER.DALE

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